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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6921**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1130

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 4, 2008

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Kernan-Shepard Study Committee.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Crooks

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill establishes an interim study committee to evaluate the Kernan-Shepard report of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Local Government Reform and to report the study committee's recommendations to the General Assembly.

The bill also requires the committee to consider changes to the operation of the General Assembly to make legislative functions more efficient and responsive to the needs of the people of Indiana, including consideration of the cost and other implications of making the General Assembly a full-time legislature.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill creates an interim study committee, which operates under the policies of the Legislative Council regarding study committees. The size and composition of the committee are not specified in the bill. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees in the amount of \$9,500 per interim for committees with fewer than 16 members and \$16,500 per interim for committees with 16 members or more.

**Background:** The interim study committee will review and discuss the recommendations of the Kernan-Shepard Report and consider changes to the General Assembly. The committee will determine which recommendations in the report may require action by the General Assembly. The interim study committee will also draft legislation to implement the recommendations and may make its own recommendations concerning the legislation drafted.

The Legislative Council provides for per diem, mileage, and travel expense reimbursement for members of interim study committees. Interim study committees are staffed by the Legislative Services Agency. The funds necessary to carry out the bill are paid from state General Fund appropriations to the Legislative Council and Legislative Services Agency.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Legislative Council; Legislative Services Agency.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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